(b) whether Government has any information about human-trafficking especially of women and minors being done through the Indo-Nepal border; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Indo-Nepal border (INB), being a porous border, has several routes facilitating entry and exit of citizens of both the countries. The SSB has been deployed all along the INB to check any anti-national activities. Besides, State Police is also keeping vigil. For effective check and control over smuggling and anti-national activities, the Government is proposing to set up four Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) on Indo-Nepal Border at Raxaul, Sonauli, Rupaidiha & Jogbani. There are institutional mechanisms like Border District Coordination Committees (BDCCs) meetings between officials of two countries who deal with these issues effectively. Additionally, there are bilateral institutional arrangements such as Joint Working Group on Border Management and Home Secretary level talks between India and Nepal which address these problems in more wholesome manner.

(b) and (c) However, due to socio-economic reasons, certain incidents of human trafficking have been reported on this border where women and minors were rescued. SSB keeps strict vigil on the border and carry out regular patrolling to prevent such activities. Several Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), are also actively engaged on both sides of Indo-Nepal Border to check the menace.

Tough Anti-Terror Law in view of serial bomb blasts

554. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of serial bomb blasts in Jaipur, Surat, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Karnataka in which hundreds of innocent people were reportedly killed recently and in view of demand by opposition parties Government proposes to bring forward a stringent anti-terror law like POTA;

(b) if so, when Government proposes to bring forward tough anti-terror law in place of present milder amended version of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act; and

(c) whether Rajasthan Government had forwarded any draft legislation in this regard to Central Government for approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 was amended in 2004 to incorporate various provisions to deal effectively with terrorism and terrorist acts perpetrated by individuals, groups and terrorist gangs and organizations, etc. In addition, provisions to deal with terrorist and subversive activities also exist in various other laws such as The National Security Act, The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, etc. Suggestions have been received from time to time from various sources regarding the need for further strengthening of the laws and other related arrangements to deal with terrorism and terror related offences. These are being examined and reviewed on a continuing basis and appropriate measures will be taken, as found necessary, as a part of this exercise.

(c) A draft legislation titled 'Rajasthan Control of Organized Crime Bill' was received from the Government of Rajasthan for prior approval of Government of India before its introduction In the State Legislature. The Bill was examined in consultation with the various Ministries/Departments. Certain objections and comments of the Department of Revenue and the Department of Telecommunications were communicated to the State Government for their consideration. A revised draft Bill received from the State Government on 16.5.2008 is under examination in consultation with various Ministries/Departments and the Ministry of Law.

Strengthening intelligence network to nab offenders of bomb blasts

555. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bomb blasts in the country during the last one year and the number of persons died and injured thereon;

(b) whether Government had taken any step to nab those who were responsible for those blasts in various States;

(c) if so, the number of them nabbed so far and the number of them still at large and the steps being taken to nab them;

(d) whether Government is aware of several sleeping modules of those responsible for such bomb blasts; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen the intelligence network and its effectiveness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Apart from violence in the areas affected by militancy, insurgency and extremist activities *viz*, J&K, some of the North Eastern States and some States affected by naxalite activities, terrorist acts by way of bomb blasts etc., have occurred periodically in some parts of hinterland in the country. A statement showing major incidents of bomb blasts, as per available information for last one year (from 1.10.2007 to 30.9.2008) is as under:

Sl.No.	Date	Incident	Security Forces/ Civilian casualties	
			Killed	Injured
1	2	3	4	5
1	11.10.2007	Bomb blast at Ajmer Sharif, Ajmer, Rajasthan	03	15
2	14.10.2007	Bomb blast at Shringar Cinema Hall in Ludhiana.	06	38
3.	23.11.2007	5 bomb blasts in local court premises in three cities in U.P., namely, Varanasi, Faizabad and Lucknow	15	80
4.	1.1.2008	Attack on CRPF Group Centre at Rampur	8	5